Sl. No.	Company Name
53.	Richason & Cruddas (1992) Ltd.
54.	Scooters India Ltd.
55.	Smith Stanistreet & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
56.	Southern Pesticides Corporation Ltd.
57.	Tennery & Footwear Corpn. of India Ltd.
58.	Triveni Structurals Ltd.
59.	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.
60.	U.P. Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
61.	Vignyan Industries Ltd.
62.	Weighbird (India) Ltd.

Strength of surplus labour power in coal Industry

*285. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government assessed the number of the workers and employees working in coal industry under the public sector is more than the requirement;

(b) if so, what is their total number;

(c) whether it is also fact that instead of utilising this extra labour power in some other productive work Government propose to retire them under the voluntary retirement schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of workers proposed to be retired and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) yes, Sir. According to Coal India Ltd. E.C.L., B.C.C.L. and C.C.L. have more manpower than their requirement.

(b) In an exercise undertaken by CIL it was indicated that ECL, BCCL and CCL had 34,920 manpower surplus to their requirements as on 1.4.94. Assessment of surplus manpower is a continuous process.

(c) and (d) Coal India Ltd. as a policy does not intend to retire the excess manpower in the first instance. Manpower assessed to be in excess of requirement is gainfully redeployed by training in suitable vocations. Some are also transferred from surplus to deficit areas both within the company and outside the company. Only those workers who cannot be redeployed or transferred gainfully are offered retirement under VRS, if they so desire. It has been proposed to seek retirement of 3800 employees each in ECL and BCCL during the current financial year and 3300 each in ECL and BCCL during 1999-2000 under VRS.

Revival of NIL and BOGL

*286. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present revival status of the National Instruments Limited and the Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Limited; and

(b) the number of employees and their average age?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) National Instruments Ltd. (NIL) and Bharat Ophthalmic Glsss Ltd. (BOGL) are BIFR cases and these are still pending before BIFR.

(b)	No. of Employees	Average age (years)
(i) NIL	843	45.5
(ii) BOGL	459	49

Payments overdue to SSIs

*287. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment to SSI units are overdue for a period ranging from seven to eleven months from M/s. Hindustan

Cables Ltd. (both its Hyderabad and Rupnarainpur Units);

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action is being taken for early payment to the SSI Units situtated in Vadodara;

(c) what safeguards are being taken for avoiding such delays in future;

(d) whether Government propose to bring amendment to the Interest on Delayed Payments to Small Scale and Ancilllary Industry Undertakings Act, 1993, in order to have quick settlement of dues of the Small Scale Industries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and by when?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details are given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below). The payments could not be cleared due to the acute liquidity problem of the Company resulting from lack of adequate orders for its products. DOT has been requested to place orders along with advance payments in order to improve the performance of the company.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to amend the Interest on Delayed Payments to Small Scale and Ancillary industry Undertakings Act, 1993, suitably and a Bill for this purpose is likely to be introduced in Parliament shortly.

The salient features of the proposed amendment are as follows:

(i) It is proposed to specify a priod of 120 days as the maximum period of credit.

(ii) It is proposed to fix the penal rate of interest at one and half times of the prime lending rate of State of India.

(iii) It is proposed to provide an alternative mechanism of arbitration and conciliation through Industry Facilitation Councils.

(iv) The scope of the Act is proposed to be extended to cover NSIC & State Small Industries Development Corporations.

Statement

Details of payments to SSI Units overdue for the period ranging from seven to eleven months from the Hyderabad and Rupharainpur units of Hindustan Cables Limited (HCL)

Name of the HCL Unit	SL No.	Name of the SSI Unit	Total Payment Pending between 7 to 11 months (Rs. in Lakhs)
Rupnarainpur	1	Bright Paints Chemicals	3.50
	2	BL & Sons	114.14
	3	Eastern Anticorrosives	20.46
	4	Hindustan Polyplast	2.46
	5	Kacchi Patel Saw Mill	3.35
	6	Modern Timber Industries	3.97
	7	Petrogel India Pvt. Ltd.	7.87
	8	Swan Paint & Varnish Works	0.44
		TOTAL	156.19
Hyderabad	1	Jayanth Timber Traders	19.59
	2	K.K. Patel & Co.	17.85
	3	Kiran Packwoods	20.26
	4	Mohan Wood Works	34.38
	5	Ravela Timbers	21.15
	6	Deepak & Co.	3.22
	7	Ganesh Timber Trading	1.44
	8	Saraswathi Saw Mills	2.37

Name of the HCL Unit	SL No.	Name of the SSI Unit	Total Payment Pending between 7 to 11 months (Rs. in Lakhs)
	9	Sri Raghuvansi Saw Mills	1.44
	10	Ramesh Saw Mills	24.53
	11	Ramana Associates	17.59
	12	Garuda Engg. Pvt. Ltd.,	101.00
	13	Swati Coates Pvt. Ltd.,	99.56
	14	Rupa Steels Ltd.,	64.96
	15	German Dyes & Chemicals	3.62
	16	Daga Nylomet	5.40
	17	Shakun Polymers Ltd.,	12.87
		Total	451.23

In the above list Shakun Polymers is the only unit located at Vadodara. The pending payments to the Units including the Unit at Vadodara could not be cleared due to the liquidity problem.

Allocation of Coal

*288. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the present practice of allocation of coal linkage for power projects in the country;

(b) the details of demand made by the Gujarat Electricity Board during the last three years and the allocation made against the demand on quarterly basis;

(c) whether the coal linkage allotted was sufficient; and

(d) if not, whether Government are considering to increase the quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The recommendation made by CEA for allocation of coal for each power plant is first discussed in the Inter-Ministerial body comprising representatives of the Ministries of Power, Railways and Coal, CEA and Coal companies. This Committee, after taking into consideration the projections made by CEA based on the ground coal stock at the power house, expected generation, availability of coal in the coal companies and the transport constraints, firms up the linkage proposals for each power station. The firmed up proposals are then placed before the main Standing Linkage Committee (Short-term) for further discussions in which the representatives of power utilities are also present, and quarterly linkages for individual power houses are finalised.

(b) The details regarding quarter-wise linkage demanded by CEA and the linkages provided by SLC are given below:

(In '000 tonnes)

Quarter	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98	
	CEA demand	Allocation by SLC	CEA demand	Allocation by SLC	CEA demand	Allocation by SLC
I Quarter	3690	3690	3045	2970	3405	2970
II Quarter	3330	3240	2970	2865	3270	3315
III Quarter	NA	3150	3270	3030	3750	3420
IV Quarter	3720	3345	3285	3375	3450	3525